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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES

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STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In Montana

(State)

For November - - 1969

(Month or other period)

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Injured			
						Total	a	b	c
Motor Vehicle									
1. Ran off road	392	10	194	188	10	299	108	105	86
2. Overturned on road	16	1	9	6	1	11	6	4	1
3. Pedestrian	18	4	14		4	14	5	7	2
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	700	7	194	499	12	352	88	149	115
5. Parked motor vehicle	97		17	80		20	9	11	
6. Railroad train	7	2		5	2				
7. Bicyclist									
8. Animal	150		18	132		27	11	6	10
9. Fixed object	76	2	27	47	2	40	27	10	3
10. Other object	1			1					
11. Other non-collision	8		1	7		1	1		
12. Misc.	1			1					
Totals	1466	26	474	966	31	764	255	292	217

Note: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Delinquency of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

a. Bleeding wound, dislocated member, or any condition that required victim be carried from the scene.

b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other painful movement.

c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconsciousness.

SUMMARY OF Statewide ACCIDENTS

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year			This Year to Date			Same Period Last Year			Change Cumulative Death Record
	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	
1. Ran off road	379	11	254	3945	141	2411	3402	110	2436	+28
2. Overturned on road	18		12	140	6	73	212	1	152	+500
3. Pedestrian	25	1	23	217	23	184	200	22	191	+45
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	761	11	333	8247	100	3133	7542	94	3451	+64
5. Parked motor vehicle	122	1	28	1177	3	202	1067	2	195	+500
6. Railroad train	5		2	48	12	12	48	8	22	+50
7. Bicyclist	3		3	82	1	86	90	2	93	-10
8. Animal	129		17	905	1	115	869	2	139	-100
9. Fixed object	146	2	59	1035	20	306	1243	19	536	+53
10. Other object	2			5		1	39		16	NC
11. Other non-collision	3	1	2	93	3	30	19	2	13	+500
12. Misc.				6	2		16	4	13	-100
Totals	1593	27	733	15900	312	6553	14747	266	7257	+17

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	312	266	+17%
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)	3569	4085	-13%
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles	8.7	6.5	+34%
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles	7.2	5.5	+31%
5. Fatal Accidents	257	225	+14%
6.			

3. LOCATION	A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies: State Highway Dept., counties, cities, towns, villages, etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies: Tribes, parkways, military, freeway authorities and commissions, etc.					
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	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
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7.												
8.												
Total urban	537	3	148	386	3	227						
1. Controlled access highway	70	1	25	44	1	42						
2. State routes	102	2	37	63	2	63						
3. County routes	400	9	157	234	10	265						
4. Other	357	11	107	239	15	167						
5. Not shared												
Total rural	929	23	326	580	28	537						
Total urban and rural												

5. TIME	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not stated	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
0. Midnight	73	1	8		8		6		6		21	1	16		8			
1. 1:00	52	2	4		3		5	1	6		6	1	19		9			
2. 2:00	54	1	5		4	1	3		2		4		15		21			
3. 3:00	48	1	4		4		2		2		3		17		16	1		
4. 4:00	35		1		2		2		1		1		10		18			
5. 5:00	16				1		2		1		1		7		4			
6. 6:00	21	1	2		2		3	1					9		5			
7. 7:00	25	2	3		2		1		3		4		7	1	5	1		
8. 8:00	43		14		5		4		2		4		9		5			
9. 9:00	59		21		8		8		6		6		5		5			
10. 10:00	43	2	8		1		9		8	1	4		5		8	1		
11. 11:00	54		11		5		6		2		7		14		9			
12. Noon	51		7		7		6		5		8		8		10			
13. 1:00	64	2	12	1	8		6		10		6		10	1	12			
14. 2:00	57	1	11		6		9		7		8		8	1	8			
15. 3:00	66	1	10		8		5		6		5		13	1	19			
16. 4:00	103	1	16		10		17		8		20	1	15		17			
17. 5:00	123	5	21		10		13	3	12	1	21	1	28		18			
18. 6:00	105		12		14		21		13		11		14		20			
19. 7:00	81	2	10		9	2	7		6		16		16		17			
20. 8:00	84		8		8		13		11		12		18		14			
21. 9:00	69	1	6		7		8		8		16		15	1	9			
22. 10:00	64	1	7		3		14	1	12		10		13		5			
23. 11:00	76	2	7		13		10	1	5		16		18	1	7			
24. Not stated																		
Totals	1466	26	208	1	148	3	180	7	142	2	210	4	309	6	269	3		

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 to 4										25	17	8	1	1				
2. 5 to 9	1	1		1	1					16	11	5	3	3				
3. 10 to 14	2	2								33	11	22	2	1	1			
4. 15 to 19	6	5	1							198	109	89	2	1	1			
5. 20 to 24	8	8								149	105	44						
6. 25 to 34	1		1							113	74	39	2	1	1			
7. 35 to 44	2	2		1	1					80	45	35	2	1	1			
8. 45 to 54	5	5		1	1					67	39	28	1		1			
9. 55 to 64	5	4	1	1	1					53	31	22						
10. 65 to 74	1		1							16	10	6						
11. 75 & older										14	9	5	1		1			
12. Not stated																		
Totals	31	27	4	4	4					764	461	303	14	8	6			

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road.

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Facing at angle	199	1	67	131
2a. From same direction - both going straight	14		4	10
b. Same - one left, one straight	41	1	13	27
c. Same - one stopped	93		33	60
d. Same - all others				
2b. From opposite direction - both going straight	5		1	4
b. Same - one left hand, one straight	91	1	14	76
c. Same - all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	443	3	132	308

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going opposite direction - both moving	74	3	25	46
2. Going same direction - both moving	65		22	43
3a. One car parked	96		17	79
b. One car stopped in traffic	52	1	10	41
4a. One car entering parked position	2		1	1
b. One car leaving parked position	39		1	38
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	8		2	6
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	17		1	16
6. All others	1			1
7. Not stated				
Totals	354	4	79	271

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents		Non-Fatal Injury Accidents	
		Total	Intersection	Total	Intersection
1. Car going straight	15	4		4	7
2. Car turning right	2			2	
3. Car turning left	1			1	1
4. Car backing					
5. All others					
6. Not stated					
Totals	18	4		14	8

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Collision with				
1. Non-motor vehicle - train, bicycle, etc.	12		4	8
2. Fixed object in road				
3. Overturned in road	2		2	
4. Left road	36		20	16
Collision with				
5. Non-motor vehicle - train, bicycle, etc.	7	2	5	
6. Fixed object in road	65	2	23	40
7. Overturned in road	13	2	6	6
8. At curve	149	1	70	71
9. Straight road	208	8	105	101
10. Fell from moving vehicle	1		1	
11. All others	158		18	140
12. Not stated				
Totals	651	15	249	387

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured										
	Pedestrians Killed	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing at entering roadway or intersection		7		2	1	1		1			
b. Same - not at intersection	1	6	1	2	1	1		1		1	
2a. Walking in roadway - with traffic	1	1							1		
b. Same - against traffic											
3. Standing at roadway	1	3						3			
4. Getting on or off other vehicle											
5. Pushing or working on vehicle at roadway	1	1							1		
6. Other working in roadway											
7. Playing in roadway											
8. Other at roadway											
9. Not in roadway											
10. Not stated											
Totals	4	18	1	4	2	2		5	3	1	

8 AGE OF DRIVER	Drivers of vehicles in proper parking locations are included		
	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	59	2	19
2. 16	98	2	29
3. 17	123	2	30
4. 18 to 19	222	2	69
5. 20 to 24	440	8	146
6. 25 to 34	432	5	141
7. 35 to 44	298	3	93
8. 45 to 54	251	8	66
9. 55 to 64	165	2	56
10. 65 to 74	79	1	20
11. 75 & older	38		11
12. Not stated			
Totals	2205	35	680

9 SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	1610	29	487
2. Female	595	6	193
3. Not stated			
Totals	2205	35	680

10 RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local resident	1710	21	506
2. Residing elsewhere in state	339	7	119
3. Non-residents of state	156	7	55
4. Not stated			
Totals	2205	35	680

12 TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	1876	23	579
2. Passenger car and trailer	4		
3. Truck or truck tractor	367	9	95
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	56	2	17
5. Other truck combination	1		
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.	1	1	
7. Tractor	3		
8. Bus	2		1
9. School bus	5		2
10. Motorcycle	10	1	8
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	2	1	1
Totals	2327	37	703

13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry			
2. Wet	1127	24	362
3. Snowy or icy	134	2	42
4. Other	165		58
5. Not stated			
Totals	1466	26	474

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Build-up	617	1	158
2. Not built-up	849	25	316
3. Not stated			
Totals	1466	26	474

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	632	10	190
2. Dawn or dusk	78	2	20
3. Darkness	756	14	264
4. Not stated			
Totals	1466	26	474

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports.

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	334	7	151
2. Failed to yield right of way	145	2	35
3. Drove left of center	26	3	8
4. Improper overtaking	16		4
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	29		13
7. Followed too closely	20		7
8. Made improper turn	16		3
9. Other improper driving	9		2
10. Inadequate brakes	18	1	11
11. Improper lights	3		2
12. Had been drinking	34	3	16
Totals	650	16	252

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF Statewide

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PERIOD

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Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	1		
2. Clear	1267	24	414
3. Raining	71	1	27
4. Snowing	52		13
5. Fog	18		5
6. Other	57	1	15
Total	1466	26	474

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	2		
2. Straight road—level	966	10	285
3. Straight road—hillcrest	33		7
4. Straight road—on grade	199	4	73
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	139	7	58
7. Curve—hillcrest	19		6
8. Curve—on grade	108	5	45
9. Curve—not stated			
Total	1466	26	474

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	302	5	92
2. Farmers or farm laborers	132	5	29
3. Students	563	9	170
4. Sales persons	56		21
5. Commercial drivers	114	2	39
6. Military personnel	39		13
7. Housewives & domestic servants	338	3	101
8. Retired & pensioners	74	1	20
9. All other workers	587	10	195
Total	2205	35	680

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

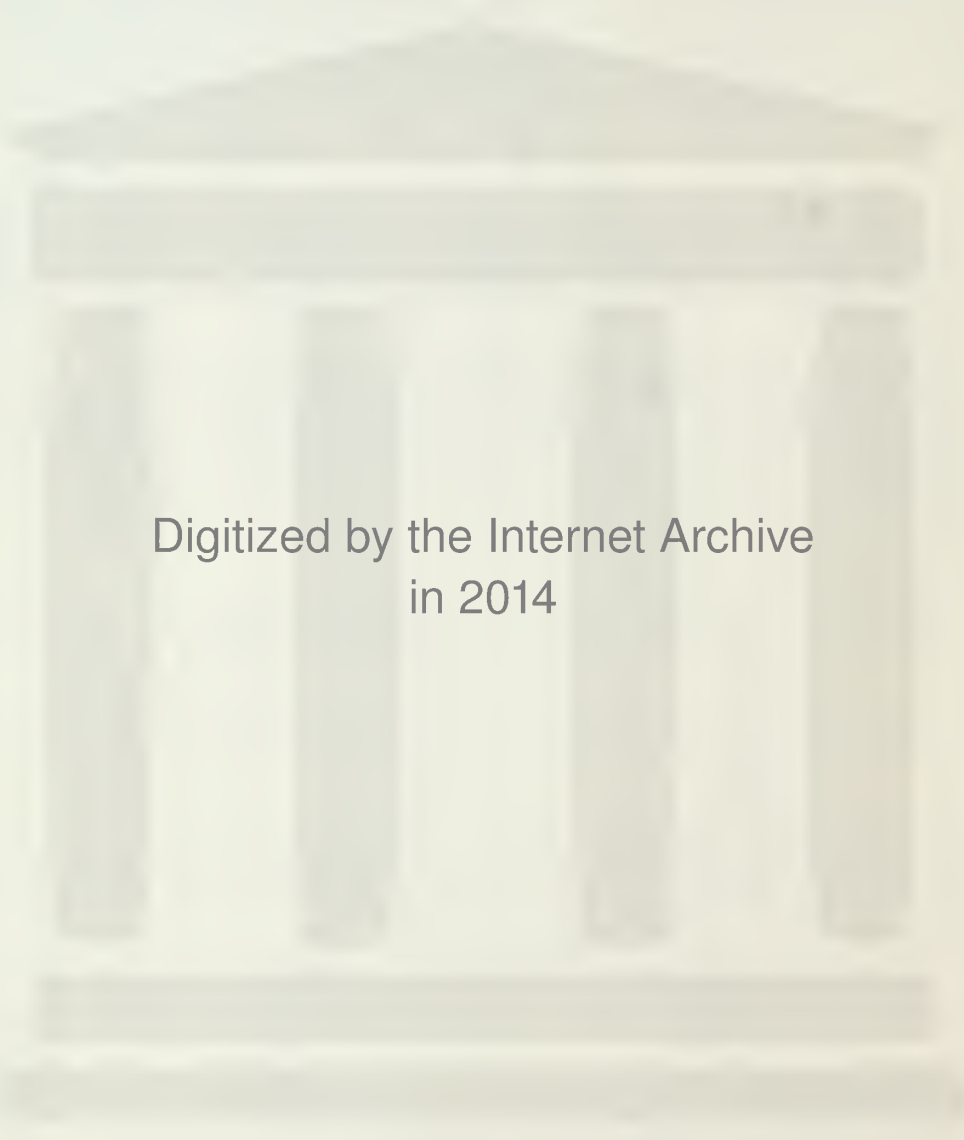
Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	17	3	4
2. Received classroom training in school	8		5
3. Received behind the wheel training			
4. Received both classes of training	289	4	119
5. No driver training	1176	28	410
Total	1490	35	538

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	2	1	13
2. HBD—obviously drunk	27	1	22
3. HBD—ability impaired	41		16
4. HBD—ability not impaired	38		72
5. HBD—not known if impaired	121	2	381
6. Had not been drinking	1156	19	34
7. Not known if drinking	105	12	
Total	1490	35	538

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	8		6
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	8		5
4. Loose material on surface	49		18
5. Under construction or repair	5		3
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet	6		5
7. Other	1		
8. No defects	927	26	352
Total	1004	26	389

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	8		
2. Equipped with in use	393	3	104
3. Equipped with not in use	1031	14	320
4. Not equipped with	773	18	256
Total	2205	35	680
1. Not stated	713		140
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	271	14	187
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	109	1	47
4. SB did not or could not have helped	1112	20	306
Total	2205	35	680

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	706	18	280
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	298	8	109
3. Not stated			
Total	1004	26	389
1. Not stated	200	2	55
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	118	5	64
3. Exceeding safe speed limit	1		
4. Exceeding safe speed limit	86	5	45
5. Not exceeding legal speed limit	1171	25	395
5. No speed violation	1576	37	559
Total	16	1	7
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination			
2. Hit & run accidents			



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2. Overturned on road		5		4	1		5	3	2		
3. Pedestrian		11	1	10		1	10	2	6	2	
4. Motor vehicle in traffic		409	1	102	306	1	168	36	71	61	
5. Parked motor vehicle		68		13	55		16	7	9		
6. Railroad train		1			1						
7. Bicyclist											
8. Animal											
9. Fixed object		27		10	17		12	7	4	1	
10. Other object		1			1						
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4. Motor vehicle in traffic	500	2	176	4918	8	1865	4669	7	1675	+14
5. Parked motor vehicle	91	1	18	899	1	189	832	1	153	NC
6. Railroad train	2		1	13		6	15		6	NC
7. Bicyclist	3		3	65		69	66	1	71	- INF
8. Animal	2			1			14		208	NC
9. Fixed object	66	1	34	520	3	193	505	1		200
10. Other object				3		1	1		1	NC
11. Other non-collision				5		5	7		5	NC
12. Misc.				2						NC
Totals	697	4	260	6715	24	2587	6395	17	2349	+41

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Before Noon	0. Midnight	26		2		4		1		2		10		5		2			
	1. 1:00	20	2	1		3		3	1	2		1	1	7		3			
	2. 2:00	19		2		2				1		1		6		7			
	3. 3:00	13		1		1		1				1		4		5			
	4. 4:00	5		1										1		3			
	5. 5:00	5						2						2		1			
	6. 6:00	5		1				1						3					
	7. 7:00																		
	8. 8:00	15		5		3		2				1		1		3			
	9. 9:00	14		5		3		3		2						1			
After Noon	10. 10:00	15		2				3		2		3		2		3			
	11. 11:00	21		3		2		3		2		1		8		2			
	12. Noon	18		1		4		1		2		4		4		2			
	13. 1:00	31	1	3		7		5		4		3		5	1	4			
	14. 2:00	27		5		3		4		2		6		5		2			
	15. 3:00	29		7		3		1		3		3		7		5			
	16. 4:00	51		11		2		9		4		10		10		5			
	17. 5:00	54		11		3		5		6		8		14		7			
	18. 6:00	37		6		7		7		8		5		3		1			
	19. 7:00	28		5		1		4		1		7		7		3			
	20. 8:00	31		3		4		4		4		8		7		1			
	21. 9:00	21		3		1		4		3		5		3		2			
	22. 10:00	27		2				4		5		7		7		2			
	23. 11:00	25		3		4		4		2		6		6					
24. Not stated																			
Totals		537	3	83		57		71	1	55		90	1	117	1	64			

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 to 4										12	7	5	1	1				
2. 5 to 9										4	4		2	2				
3. 10 to 14										8	1	7	1		1			
4. 15 to 19										71	34	37	1	1				
5. 20 to 24	2	2								46	28	18						
6. 25 to 34										28	10	18	1		1			
7. 35 to 44										24	12	12	2	1	1			
8. 45 to 54										15	9	6	1		1			
9. 55 to 64	1	1		1	1					13	6	7						
10. 65 to 74										4	3	1						
11. 75 & older										2	1	1	1		1			
12. Not stated																		
Totals	3	3		1	1					227	115	112	10	5	5			

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road.

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Following at single	147	1	49	97
2a. From same direction - both going straight	8		2	6
b. Same - one turn, one straight	19		5	14
c. Same - one stopped	80		26	54
d. Same - all others				
3a. From opposite direction - both going straight	5		1	4
b. Same - one left turn, one straight	56		6	50
c. Same - all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	315	1	89	225

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going opposite direction - both moving	6		1	5
2. Going same direction - both moving	13		5	8
3a. One car parked	67		13	54
b. One car stopped in traffic	30		5	25
4a. One car entering parked position	1		1	
b. One car leaving parked position	23		23	
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	7		1	6
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	14		1	13
6. All others	1		1	
7. Not stated				
Totals	162		26	136

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents		Non-Fatal Injury Accidents	
	Total	Intersection	Non-Intersection	Intersection	Non-Intersection
1. Car going straight	8	1		1	7
2. Car turning right	2			2	2
3. Car turning left	1			1	1
4. Car backing					
5. All others					
6. Not stated					
Totals	11	1		1	10

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Collision with				
1. Non-motor vehicle: motor, bicycle, etc.				
2. Fixed object in road	11		4	7
3. Overturned in road	2		2	
4. Left road	5		3	2
Collision with				
5. Non-motor vehicle: motor, bicycle, etc.	1			1
6. Fixed object in road	17		6	11
7. Overturned in road	3		2	1
8. At center	1	1		
9. Straight road	2		5	2
10. Fall from moving vehicle	1		1	
11. All others	1		1	
12. Not stated				
Totals	49	1	23	25

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing or entering roadway at intersection	7		2	1	1		1	1	1	
b. Same - not at intersection	2	1					1			
2a. Walking in roadway - with traffic	1							1		
b. Same - against traffic										
3. Standing on roadway	1									
4. Getting on or off other vehicle							1			
5. Pushing or working on vehicle in roadway										
6. Other working in roadway										
7. Playing in roadway										
8. Other in roadway										
9. Not in roadway										
10. Not stated										
Totals	11	1	2	1	1		3	2	1	

8. AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	32		7
2. 16	56	1	14
3. 17	66		13
4. 18 to 19	111		31
5. 20 to 24	209	3	60
6. 25 to 34	167		48
7. 35 to 44	129		36
8. 45 to 54	91		23
9. 55 to 64	67		19
10. 65 to 74	35		7
11. 75 & older	16		3
12. Not stated			
Totals	979	4	261

9. SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	665	4	167
2. Female	324		94
3. Not stated			
Totals	979	4	261

10. RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local residence	896	4	242
2. Residing elsewhere in state	61		14
3. Residing out of state	22		5
4. Not stated			
Totals	979	4	261

12. TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	922	2	241
2. Passenger car and trailer			
3. Truck or truck tractor	121	1	30
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	9		1
5. Other truck combination			
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.			
7. Trolley	3		
8. Bus			
9. School bus	2		
10. Motorcycle	7	1	6
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated			
Totals	1064	4	278

13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	457	3	134
2. Wet	49		10
3. Snowy or icy	31		4
4. Other			
5. Not stated			
Totals	537	3	148

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Built-up	537	3	148
2. Not built-up			
3. Not stated			
Totals	537	3	148

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	264	1	62
2. Dawn or dusk	29		8
3. Darkness	244	2	78
4. Not stated			
Totals	537	3	148

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports.

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	100	1	27
2. Failed to yield right of way	96		20
3. Drove left of center	2		
4. Improper overtaking	4		1
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	24		11
7. Followed too closely	14		5
8. Made improper turn	10		1
9. Other improper driving	3		1
10. Inadequate brakes	5		4
11. Improper lights	1		1
12. Not been drinking	10	1	2
Totals	269	2	73

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF Urban

ACCIDENTS

PERIOD

November - 1969

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	486	2	139
3. Raining	26		7
4. Snowing	8		1
5. Fog	1		
6. Other	16	1	1
Total	537	3	148

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	1		
2. Straight road—level	467	2	136
3. Straight road—hillcrest	3		1
4. Straight road—on grade	50		7
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	7		2
7. Curve—hillcrest	2		
8. Curve—on grade	7	1	2
9. Curve—not stated			
Total	537	3	148

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	142		45
2. Farmers or farm laborers	24		1
3. Students	320	2	82
4. Sales persons	26		9
5. Commercial drivers	22		4
6. Military personnel	16		7
7. Housewives & domestic servants	185		49
8. Retired & pensioners	26		5
9. All other workers	218	2	59
Total	979	4	261

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	7		1
2. Received classroom training in school	1		
3. Received behind the wheel training			
4. Received both classes of training	116	1	36
5. No driver training	474	3	126
Total	598	4	163

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. HBD—obviously drunk	8		2
3. HBD—ability impaired	8		2
4. HBD—ability not impaired	12		4
5. HBD—not known if impaired	29		19
6. Had not been drinking	521	1	129
7. Not known if drinking	20	3	7
Total	598	4	163

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	1		1
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	3		1
4. Loose material on surface			
5. Under construction or repair			
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet			
7. Other			
8. No defects	326	3	94
Total	330	3	96

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	8		
2. Equipped with in use	166	1	40
3. Equipped with not in use	493	1	124
4. Not equipped with	312	2	97
Total	979	4	261
1. Not stated			
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	21	1	16
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	5	1	3
4. SB did not or could not have helped	571	2	144
Total	979	4	261

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	276	2	77
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	54	1	19
3. Not stated			
Total	330	3	96
1. Not stated	141		35
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	22	1	11
3. Exceeding safe speed limit			
4. Exceeding safe speed limit Not exceeding legal speed limit	1		1
5. No speed violation	492	3	131
Total	656	4	178
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination	1		
2. Hit & run accidents			

STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In MontanaFor November - 1969

(State)

(Month or other period)

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Injured			
						Total	a	b	c
Motor Vehicle									
1. Ran off road	379	9	186	184	9	284	98	100	86
2. Overturned on road	11	1	5	5	1	6	3	2	1
3. Pedestrian	7	3	4		3	4	3	1	
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	291	6	92	193	11	184	52	78	54
5. Parked motor vehicle	29		4	25		4	2	2	
6. Railroad train	6	2		4	2				
7. Bicyclist									
8. Animal	150		18	132		27	11	6	10
9. Fixed object	49	2	17	30	2	28	20	6	2
10. Other object									
11. Other non-collision	7			7					
12.									
Totals	929	23	326	580	28	537	189	195	153

Note: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

a. Bleeding, wound, distorted member, or any condition that required victim to be carried from the scene.

b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, lacerations, or other painful movement.

c. Complete loss of consciousness, or momentary unconsciousness.

SUMMARY OF Rural ACCIDENTS

Legally reportable accidents are those involving death, bodily injury or property damage of

\$1,000 or more

☐ In the accident

☒ To the property of one person

This summary includes reports and information available on

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year			This Year to Date			Some Period Last Year			Change Cumulative Death/Injury
	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	
1. Ran off road	368	11	247	3830	136	2481	3283	110	2370	+24
2. Overturned on road	16		12	126	6	71	195	1	143	+500
3. Pedestrian	5	2	2	57	16	46	49	15	36	+67
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	261	9	157	3329	92	1834	2873	87	1776	+57
5. Parked motor vehicle	31		10	278	2	43	235	1	42	+100
6. Railroad train	3		1	35	12	10	33	8	16	+50
7. Bicyclist				17	1	17	24	1	22	NC
8. Animal	127		17	904	1	125	855	2	139	-50
9. Fixed object	80	1	25	515	17	170	738	18	328	-56
10. Other object	2			2			38		15	NC
11. Other non-collision	3	1	2	88	3	26	12	2	8	+50
12.				4	2	2	16	4	13	-50
Totals	896	24	473	9185	288	4825	8351	249	4908	+16

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	288	249	+16%
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)		NA	
3. Death rate per 100,000 vehicle-miles		NA	
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000 vehicle-miles		NA	
5. Fatal Accidents	234	210	+14%
6.			

3. LOCATION	A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies: State Highway Dept., counties, cities, towns, villages, etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies: Towns, postways, military, freeway authorities and commissions, etc.					
	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons	
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
1. 2,500 to 10,000												
2. 10,000 to 25,000												
3. 25,000 to 50,000												
4. 50,000 to 100,000												
5. 100,000 to 250,000												
6. 250,000 or more												
7.												
8.												
Total urban												
1. Controlled access highway	70	1	25	44	1	42						
2. State routes & U.S.	102	2	37	63	2	63						
3. County routes	400	9	157	234	10	265						
4. Other	357	11	107	239	15	167						
5. Not stated												
Total rural	929	23	326	580	28	537						
Total urban and rural												

5. TIME	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not stated	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
	Hour beginning		Hour beginning		Hour beginning		Hour beginning		Hour beginning		Hour beginning		Hour beginning		Hour beginning		Hour beginning	
8. Midnight	47	1	6		4		5		4		11	1	11		6			
1. 1:00	32	1	3		2		2		4		5		12		6			
2. 2:00	35	1	3		2	1	3		1		3		9		14			
3. 3:00	35	1	3		3		1		2		2		13		11	1		
4. 4:00	30				2		2		1		1		9		15			
5. 5:00	11				1				1		1		5		3			
6. 6:00	16	1	1		2		2	1			1		6		5			
7. 7:00	25	2	3		2		1		3		4		7	1	5	1		
8. 8:00	28		9		2		2		2		3		8		2			
9. 9:00	45		16		5		5		4		6		5		4			
10. 10:00	28	2	6		1		6		6	1	1		3		5	1		
11. 11:00	33		8		3		3				6		6		7			
12. Noon	33		6		3		5		3		4		4		8			
13. 1:00	33	1	9	1	1		1		6		3		5		8			
14. 2:00	30	1	6		3		5		5		2		3	1	6			
15. 3:00	37	1	3		5		4		3		2		6	1	14			
16. 4:00	52	1	5		8		8		4		10	1	5		12			
17. 5:00	69	5	10		7		8	3	6	1	13	1	14		11			
18. 6:00	68		6		7		14		5		6		11		19			
19. 7:00	53	2	5		8	2	3		5		9		9		14			
20. 8:00	53		5		4		9		7		4		11		13			
21. 9:00	48	1	3		6		4		5		11		12	1	7			
22. 10:00	37	1	5		3		10	1	7		3		6		3			
23. 11:00	51	2	4		9		6	1	3		10		12	1	7			
24. Not stated																		
Totals	929	23	125	1	91	3	109	6	87	2	120	3	192	5	205	3		

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 to 4										13	10	3						
2. 5 to 9	1	1		1	1					12	7	5	1	1				
3. 10 to 14	2	2								25	10	15	1	1				
4. 15 to 19	6	5	1							127	75	52			1			
5. 20 to 24	6	6								103	77	26						
6. 25 to 34	1		1							85	64	21	1	1				
7. 35 to 44	2	2		1	1					56	33	23						
8. 45 to 54	5	5		1	1					52	30	22						
9. 55 to 64	4	3	1							40	25	15						
10. 65 to 74	1		1							12	7	5						
11. 75 & older										12	8	4						
12. Not stated																		
Totals	28	24	4	3	3					537	346	191	4	3	1			

6 DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Forward or angle	52		18	34
2a. From same direction - both going straight	6		2	4
b. Same - one turn, one straight	22	1	8	13
c. Same - one stopped	13		7	6
d. Same - all others				
2b. From opposite direction - both going straight				
a. Same - one left turn, one straight	35	1	8	26
b. Same - all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	128	2	43	83

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrians	Fatal Accidents		Non-Fatal Injury Accidents	
	Total	Intersection	Non-Intersection	Total	Intersection
1. Car going straight	7	3	3	4	4
2. Car turning right					
3. Car turning left					
4. Car backing					
5. All others					
6. Not stated					
Totals	7	3	3	4	4

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going opposite direction - both moving	68	3	29	41
2. Going same direction - both moving	52		17	35
3a. One car parked	29		4	25
b. One car stopped in traffic	22	1	5	16
4a. One car entering parked position	1		1	
b. One car leaving parked position	16		1	15
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	1		1	
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	3			3
6. All others				
7. Not stated				
Totals	192	4	53	135

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
Collision with				
1. Non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.				
2. Fixed object in road	1			1
3. Overturned in road				
4. Left road	31		17	14
Collision with				
5. Non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.	6	2		4
6. Fixed object in road	48	2	17	29
7. Overturned in road	10	1	4	5
8. At curve	148	7	70	71
9. Straight road	201	2	100	99
10. Fall from moving vehicle				
11. All others	157		18	139
12. Not stated				
Totals	602	14	226	362

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing or entering roadway - at intersection										
b. Same - not at intersection	1	4	2	1	1					
2a. Walking in roadway - with traffic										
b. Same - against traffic										
3. Stood on or roadway	1	2					2			
4. Getting on or off other vehicle										
5. Pushing or working on vehicle in roadway	1	1						1		
6. Other working in roadway										
7. Playing in roadway										
8. Other on roadway										
9. Not on roadway										
10. Not stated										
Totals	3	7	2	1	1		2	1		

8 AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	27	2	12
2. 16	42	1	15
3. 17	57	2	17
4. 18 to 19	111	2	38
5. 20 to 24	231	5	86
6. 25 to 34	265	5	93
7. 35 to 44	169	3	57
8. 45 to 54	160	8	43
9. 55 to 64	98	2	37
10. 65 to 74	44	1	13
11. 75 & older	22		8
12. Not stated			
Totals	1226	31	419

9 SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	955	25	320
2. Female	271	6	99
3. Not stated			
Totals	1226	31	419

10 RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Local residence	814	17	264
2. Residing elsewhere in state	278	7	105
3. Nonresident of state	134	7	50
4. Not stated			
Totals	1226	31	419

12 TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	954	21	338
2. Passenger car and trailer	4		
3. Truck or truck tractor	246	8	65
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	47	2	16
5. Other truck combination	1		
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.	1	1	
7. Trolley			
8. Bus	2		1
9. School bus	3		2
10. Motorcycle	3		2
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	2	1	1
Totals	1263	33	425

Special vehicles included above			
13. Emergency (including privately owned)			
14. Military vehicles			
15. Other publicly owned vehicles	2		1

13 ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	670	21	228
2. Wet	85	2	32
3. Snowy or icy	134		54
4. Other	40		12
5. Not stated			
Totals	929	23	326

14 KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Built-up	84		11
2. Not built-up	845	23	315
3. Not stated			
Totals	929	23	326

15 LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	368	9	128
2. Dusk or dawn	49	2	12
3. Darkness	512	12	186
4. Not stated			
Totals	929	23	326

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports.

11 CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	234	6	124
2. Failed to yield right of way	49	2	15
3. Drove left of center	24	3	8
4. Improper overtaking	12		3
5. Failed stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	5		2
7. Followed too closely	6		2
8. Made improper turn	6		2
9. Other improper driving	6		1
10. Inadequate brakes	13	1	7
11. Improper lights	2		1
12. Head beam driving	24	2	14
Totals	381	14	179

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF Rural

ACCIDENTS

PERIOD

November - 1969

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	1		
2. Clear	781	22	275
3. Raining	45	1	20
4. Snowing	44		12
5. Fog	17		5
6. Other	41		14
Total	929	23	326

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	1		
2. Straight road—level	499	8	149
3. Straight road—hillcrest	30		6
4. Straight road—on grade	149	4	66
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	132	7	56
7. Curve—hillcrest	17		6
8. Curve—on grade	101	4	43
9. Curve—not stated			
Total	929	23	329

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	160	5	47
2. Farmers or farm laborers	108	5	28
3. Students	243	7	88
4. Sales persons	30	1	12
5. Commercial drivers	92	2	35
6. Military personnel	23		6
7. Housewives & domestic servants	153	3	52
8. Retired & pensioners	48	1	15
9. All other workers	369	8	136
Total	1226	31	419

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	10	3	3
2. Received classroom training in school	7		5
3. Received behind the wheel training			
4. Received both classes of training	173	3	83
5. No driver training	702	25	284
Total	892	31	375

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	2	1	
2. HBD—obviously drunk	19	1	11
3. HBD—ability impaired	33		20
4. HBD—ability not impaired	26		12
5. HBD—not known if impaired	92	2	53
6. Had not been drinking	635	18	252
7. Not known if drinking	85	9	27
Total	892	31	375

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	8		6
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	7		4
4. Loose material on surface	46		17
5. Under construction or repair	5		3
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet	6		5
7. Other	1		
8. No defects	601	23	258
Total			

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	227	2	64
2. Equipped with in use	538	13	196
3. Equipped with not in use	461	16	159
4. Not equipped with			
Total	1226	31	419
1. Not stated	331		42
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.			
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	250	13	171
4. SB did not or could not have helped	104		44
Total	541	18	162
Total	1226	31	419

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	430	16	203
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	244	7	90
3. Not stated			
Total	674	23	293
1. Not stated	59	2	20
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	96	4	53
3. Exceeding safe speed limit	1		
4. Exceeding safe speed limit			
5. Not exceeding legal speed limit	85	5	44
6. No speed violation	679	22	264
Total	920	33	381
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination	10		5
2. Hit & run accidents			

